

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A laryngeal mask assembly comprising: a tube; a mount at a patient end of said tube; and an annular sealing cuff extending around a patient end of said mount, wherein said tube and said mount are molded together by injection molding from a plastics material as an integral, single-piece component, wherein a groove extends along an outside of said assembly opening along its length on an external surface, wherein an inflation line extends in said groove along the assembly, one end of said inflation line extending out of said groove towards a patient end of said groove and opening into said sealing cuff, and wherein said sealing cuff is attached with said mount as a separate component and is adapted to seal with tissue in the region of the hypopharynx.
2. (Original) A laryngeal mask assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing cuff is attached with said mount by an adhesive.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) A laryngeal mask assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said airway tube and mount are molded of polyurethane.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously presented) A method of forming a laryngeal mask assembly comprising the steps of:

injection molding a tube and a mount at a patient end of said tube together from a plastics material as an integral, single-piece component; and
extending an annular sealing cuff around a patient end of said mount.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the steps of :
extending a groove along an outside of said tube opening along its length on an external surface;

extending an inflation line in said groove along the assembly, one end of said inflation line extending out of said groove towards a patient end of said groove and opening into said sealing cuff.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the steps of:
attaching said sealing cuff with said mount as a separate component; and
adapting said sealing cuff to seal with tissue in the region of the hypopharynx.

11. (New) A laryngeal mask assembly comprising: a tube; a mount at a patient end of said tube, said mount having a shaped patient end; and an annular sealing cuff formed into an annulus having the same shape as the patient end of said mount attaching around the patient end of said mount, said tube and said mount being molded together from a plastics material as an integral, single-piece component, wherein an inflation line extends along the assembly, one end of said inflation line extending towards a patient end and opening into said sealing cuff, and wherein said sealing cuff and is adapted to seal with tissue in the region of the hypopharynx.

12. (New) Laryngeal mask assembly according to claim 11, wherein said sealing cuff attaches around the patient end of said mount by circumferentially covering the edge at the patient end of said mount.

13. (New) Laryngeal mask assembly according to claim 11, wherein said tube and said mount are integrally formed as one component by injection molding.

14. (New) Laryngeal mask assembly according to claim 11, wherein said cuff is attached to said mount as a separate component.

15. (New) Laryngeal mask assembly according to claim 11, wherein said cuff is attached to said mount by an adhesive.